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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 400

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A RESOLUTION To commend Joanne Yeager Dull for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Legislative Budget Analysis Specialist.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens and who have performed valuable service for this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Yeager Dull is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yeager Dull received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Indiana University in 1989; she earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from Indiana University School of Law in 1993, while employed full-time as a Hearing Officer with the Indiana Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, Joanne became Counsel to the Indiana Secretary of State in 1994 and served as Staff Attorney for the Indiana Gaming Commission from 1994-95; she worked as a Legislative Liaison for the Indiana Department of Workforce Development from 1995-97,

facilitating departmental communication with the Indiana General Assembly, the Governor's Office, the Indiana Unemployment Compensation Board, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yeager Dull then came to Tennessee, initially working as Assistant to the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives during the 1998 session, before accepting the position of Deputy Executive Director of the Tennessee Juvenile Justice Reform Commission; in that role she has been responsible for liaison with the Tennessee General Assembly, the Governor's Office, interested party organizations and the general public, as well as performing liaison duties with the Code Drafting Committee; and

WHEREAS, On December 1, 1999, at the invitation of Director Connie Hardin, Joanne joined the staff of the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis as a Legislative Budget Analysis Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her exemplary tenure with the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis, Joanne has distinguished herself for her keen insight and acute grasp of legislative budget issues; and

WHEREAS, In her years in our State, Ms. Yeager Dull has continued a record as a volunteer in various civic causes begun in Indiana; in 1998, she served as a Member of the Outlook Nashville Board of Directors and of its Executive Committee; chaired the Outlook Nashville Development Committee; and in 1998-99 was General Chair of the Outlook Nashville Chocolate Festival; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yeager Dull's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Joanne is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Her many accomplishments aside, Ms. Yeager Dull is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, Christopher Dull, and their son, Ethan, who was born in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Joanne's husband, Christopher, a graduate of Vanderbilt Medical School, is about to embark upon his residency at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland, necessitating the family's departure from Nashville; and

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly, her fellow staff members in the Offices of Legislative Budget Analysis and her many friends throughout the various legislative staff offices will miss the excellent professional contributions made by Ms. Yeager Dull, as well as her presence as a valued friend; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Joanne Yeager Dull for her honorable and astute service to this General Assembly and the people of Tennessee as a Legislative Budget Analysis Specialist and salute her unswerving commitment to professional excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.